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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 92-26

TO: ALL-COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL-COUNTY PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FEDERAL AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN-FOSTER
CARE (AFDC-FC) PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY WHEN MOTHER IS
PATIENT OR INMATE AT TIME OF REMOVAL

The purpose of this All-County Letter (ACL) is to clarify for Counties how a child, born to a woman while she is a prison inmate or a patient in a state hospital, can be considered eligible under the Federal AFDC-FC Program.

This ACL also applies to children placed in foster care awaiting the mother's release from prison or a state hospital or when parental rights are terminated directly after birth when child is born in jail or in a state hospital.

According to Federal policy the definition of "home" for the above-mentioned children is the hospital or jail where the mother is residing and/or where the child is born and subsequently removed.

For the purposes of determining Federal AFDC-FC eligibility for these children, the following conditions must exist during the month in which the petition is filed:

- o the child is deprived of the support of an absent father (45-202.1);
- o the child is removed from the home of a parent or relative (as defined above) as the result of a court order (45-202.4);
- o the child is placed in foster care (45-202.5);
- o the child can be linked to the AFDC-FG/U Program using the "had application been made" process (45-202.3).

In addition, the child must meet all other General and Federal AFDC-FC eligibility requirements in Division 45 of the Eligibility and Assistance Standards (EAS) Manual.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or any other AFDC-FC eligibility question, please contact your Foster Care Program Consultant at (916) 445-0813.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Loren D. Suter", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc: CWDA